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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 176X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - in Rankin County, Mississippi

Dear Secretary Williams:

By notice of exemption served and published in the Federal Register regarding the above-captioned proceeding on September 20, 2005, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") was authorized to abandon its line of railroad known as Flowood Trackage between Milepost 70.20 and Milepost 71.72 in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi, a distance of approximately 1.52 miles. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on October 20, 2005.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of a portion of the subject line of railroad from Milepost 71.72 to Milepost 70.30 on August 16, 2006. IC is also filing a request for the Board to extend the due date for filing a notice of consummation on the remainder of Flowood Trackage between Milepost 70.30 and Milepost 70.20.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Enclosures.

cc: Mr. William R. Balentine, Director, Office of Intermodal Planning, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39115-1850